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SUBJ: SHABA INVASION: SITREP 53 (MAY 6, 1977)

1. FOLLOWING IS 53RD MISSION-WIDE SURVEY INCLUDING REPORTS FROM
LUBUMBASHI.

MILITARY SITUATION AS OF 051700Z MAY 77.

NOTE: ALL GEOGRAPHIC REFS ARE TAKEN FROM JOINT OPERATIONS GRAPHIC
SERIES 1501 MAPS.

2. HOSTILE FORCES:

- A. KOLWEZI-DILOLO AXIS - DDN REPORTS HOSTILE FORCES AT KASANGINGA (1026S/2343E). NO REPORTS OF HOSTILE ACTIVITY RECEIVED AT DDN.
- B. KAFAKUMBA AREA-NO CHANGE REPORTED.
- C. KAPANGA AREA-NO CHANGE REPORTED.

3. ZAIRIAN FORCES:

- A. DDN REPORTS FORWARD ELEMENTS OF TASK FORCE IKUKU LOCATED AT TSHELEMESHA (1029S/2352E) AS OF 040500Z MAY 77. (NOTE: DDN NOW CARRIES THIS FORCE AS COMMANDED BY COL IKUKU WITH BILOLO AS HIS CHIEF OF STAFF.)
STRENGTH OF THIS TASK FORCE IS SAID TO BE 2418 MEN (HEADQUARTERS ELEMENT OF 40 PLUS THE SHABANI BATTALION OF 532, THE TSHIBANGU BATTALION OF 236, THE TSHIENBE BATTALION -- A KAMANYOLA UNIT OF 500, THE ANO BATTALION -- ALSO A KAMANYOLA UNIT OF 500, THE NGOY BATTALION OF 379, ONE REMAINING 152-MAN COMPANY OF THE 3RD COMMANDO BATTALION, 5 AML ARMORED CARS AND 52 MEN OF ARMORED TROOP C, AND A 106 MM RECOILLESS RIFLE SECTION OF 27 MEN). THE MAIN OBJECTIVE ASSIGNED TO TASK FORCE IKUKU ON 4 MAY WAS KASAJI (1022S/2327E) WITH INTERMEDIATE OBJECTIVES AT SANIKOSA (1027S/2350E) AND KASANGINGA (1026S/2343E). STATUS OF PROGRESS TOWARD THESE OBJECTIVES REMAINS UNREPORTED AS OF 051700Z MAY 77.

- B. TASK FORCE MUKOBO HAS BEEN REGROUPED AT KOLWEZI. (COMMENT: APPARENTLY IT WAS NOT TASK FORCE MUKOBO THAT RESUMED ADVANCE ON 4 MAY AS REPORTED IN SITREP 52, PARA 3A, BUT TASK FORCE BILOLO ALLOWING MUKOBO'S

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TROOPS TO REUPERATE AFTER THE ACTION OF 1 MAY).

DDN REPORTS THE STRENGTH OF THIS FORCE AS 2119 MEN (MBOMBO I BATTALION WITH 400, MBOMBO II BATTALION WITH 243, KOLWEZI GENDARME BATTALION WITH 946, 12TH INF BATTALION (MINUS) WITH 167, ONE COMPANY OF THE MIKONDO BRIGADE WITH 77 MEN, ONE PLATOON OF M-113 APC'S, PLUS VARIOUS SUPPORT ELEMENTS).

- C. BG SINGA'S COMMAND POST REMAINS AT KOLWEZI.

- D. THE KABANGU BATTALION (SITREP 52, PARA 3B) OF 432 MEN HAS REINFORCED THE VUADI BATTALION IN THE VICINITY OF KWANDA (0934S/2409E). IT IS COMPOSED OF ONE COMPANY FROM THE MIKONDO BRIGADE, ONE MIXED COMPANY OF PARA-COMMANDOS AND COMMANDOS, AND ONE COMPANY FROM THE KAMANYOLA DIVISION (MINUS) PLUS AN 81MM MORTAR PLATOON. MAJ KABANGU FORMERLY COMMANDED THE 3RD COMMANDO BATTALION.

- E. NO CHANGE REPORTED TO DDN FROM THE KASAI SECTOR.

4. MOROCCAN FORCES:

- A. THE 2ND, 3RD, AND 4TH DIR'S ARE WITH TASK FORCE IKUKU.
- B. THE 1ST DIR REMAINS AT KOLWEZI ALONG WITH THE HEADQUARTERS ELEMENT FOR THE MOROCCAN FORCES.

5. AIR:

A. DDN HAS REQUESTED AIR RECON AND PHOTOS OF THE BRIDGES AT THE LUKOSHI RIVER AT SAPAZA (1027S/2308E) AND AT THE LULUA RIVER VICINITY OF SAMBEMBA (1036S/2252E).

B. FAZA HAS A DETACHMENT OF 115 WITH BG SINGA'S COMMAND POST AT KOLWEZI, IN SUPPORT OF AIR ASSETS STATIONED THERE.

C. THE EGYPTIAN PILOTS ARE UNDERGOING FAMILIARIZATION FLIGHTS FROM KINSHASA'S NDJILI AIRPORT. FAZA WILL PROVIDE 3 MIRAGES FOR THE 4 EGYPTIAN PILOTS. THE EGYPTIAN MAINTENANCE TEAM THAT ACCOMPANIED THE PILOTS IS NOW WORKING WITH THE FRENCH MIRAGE TEAM AT NDJILI. DATE OF DEPARTURE FOR KAMINA BASE IS NOT YET FIXED.

D. TWO US AIRCRAFT (ONE CHARTER DC-8 AND ONE USAF C-141) ARRIVED AS SCHEDULED (SITREP 51) MAY 5 WITH C-RATIONS, SPARE PARTS AND OTHER NON-LETHAL SUPPLIES.

6. DOMESTIC PRESS: HODGE-PODGE OF SHABA RELATED NEWS (KISANGANI
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ORPHANS SUPPORT THE GUIDE, BANNERS "SALONGO" "NIGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MEETS THE PRESIDENT," HEADLINES "ELIMA") FEATURED KINSHASA MEDIA MAY 6. NO HARD NEWS ON FAZ MOVEMENTS, HOWEVER. THEY NOTE SCHEDULED 1100 HOURS (LOCAL) "SHOW-AND-TELL" SESSION WITH SEVEN JOURNALISTS/ SUSPECTED SPIES BEFORE MEMBERS OF PRESS, DIPLOMATIC CORPS. "ELIMA" EDITORIAL LINKS ILLEGAL ENTRY OF FOREIGN JOURNALISTS INTO ZAIRE AS EVIDENCE OF THE "DISTURBING INTENSITY OF THE PLOT CONCEIVED AND FINANCED BY MOSCOW AND IT AGENTS WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF SPREADING DESO L-
ATION AMONGST US." VOICE OF ZAIRE RADIO COMMENTARY MAY 6 BLASTS SOVIE T-
CUBAN COALITION AND "SOCIO-IMPERIALISM" AND REITERATES THAT ZAIRE'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY WILL NEVER BE BARGAINED AWAY.

7. DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION:

A. KINSHASA:

1) JOURNALISTS DETAINED IN SHABA ARRIVED KINSHASA EVENING MAY 5. THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO GO ON PUBLIC DISPLAY IN KINSHASA MAY 6 AT 1000Z

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IN EFFORT TO FORESTALL EVENT, AMBASSADORS OF FRG, UK, SPAIN AND FRANCE

SOUGHT TO MAKE DEMARCHE TO FONMIN NGUZA MAY 5 REQUESTING THAT JOURNALISTS NOT BE SUBJECTED TO PUBLIC DISPLAY. ACCORDING FRG EMBOFF, THEY DID NOT RECEIVE OFFICIAL REACTION AS NGUZA REPORTEDLY NOT IN TOWN. AMBASSADORS ALSO MADE DEMARCHE TO DIR OF PRESIDENCY. GERMANS ALSO CONVEYED TO FONMIN MAY 5 PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM FRG FOMIN GENSCHER ON MATTER; AND ACCORDING TO AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI, NGUZA INDIRECTLY INFORMED A VISITING GERMAN DIPLOMAT THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO INTERVENE BECAUSE THE MATTER WAS STRICTLY IN THE HANDS OF THE PRESIDENT. ON MAY 6, GERMANS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO CONVEY FURTHER MESSAGES FROM GENSCHER AND CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT TO MOBUTU AND NGUZA

REQUESTING THAT "SHOW-AND-TEL" NOT TAKE PLACE AND IN EFFECT SUGGESTING
GOOD FRG/GOZ RELATIONS MAY BE AFFECTED.

2) PRESS ANNOUNCED MAY 5-6 THAT FOUR AMBS WERE TO ATTEND EVENT.
HOWEVER, FRG EMBOFF STATED THAT THEY HAD NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY INFORMED
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OF THIS FACT AND FRG EMBASSY PLANNED TO SEND CONSULAR OFFICER.
BRITISH AND SPANIARDS LIKELY TO DO SAME. FRENCH SAID THEY WOULD NOT
PARTICIPATE IN "CIRCUS."

B. LUBUMBASHI: BUSINESS AS USUAL. DURING PAST WEEK PEOPLE HAVE LOST
TRACK OF WHICH EVENINGS THE PRESIDENT SPENDS IN LUBUMBASHI, AS HE HAS
ARRIVED LATE AND LEFT EARLY WITHOUT PROTOCOL CEREMONIES.

C. KOLWEZI:

1) THE PRESIDENT REPORTEDLY SPENT MOST OF MAY 5 IN KOLWEZI WHERE HE
MET WITH NIGERIAN FONMIN GARBA AND NGUZA KARL-I-BOND TO DISCUSS THE
MEDIATION EFFORT.

2) GECAMINES EMPLOYEES TOOK NO ACTION ON MAY 5 AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED
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TO PROTEST KILLING BY FAZ OF ITALIAN ENGINEER PREVIOUS DAY. ZAIRIAN W
AS
REPORTEDLY SHOT BY SOLDIERS AT BARRICADE JUST OUTSIDE OF KOLWAZI ALSO
ON SAME DAY. REPS OF ALL NATIONALITIES INCLUDING ZAIRIANS NOW HOPING
TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH PRES TO DISCUSS TROOP BRUTALITIES AT
BARRICADES.

D. KAMINA: NO CHANGE REPORTED.

8. AMERICAN CITIZEN SITUATION: NO CONTACTS WITH ANY OF AMERICANS IN
OCCUPIED AREAS IN LAST 24 HOURS.
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